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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: DHINDSA

Appln. No.: 10/731,327

Filed: December 8, 2003

For: ENDOSCOPE VALVE ASSEMBLY AND METHOD

Attorney Docket No: 10672/28

Examiner: FLANAGAN

Art Unit: 3739

Commissioner for Patents
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TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Response to Office Action (4 pages).
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(_____).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | | | | | Small Entity | | | Not a Small Entity | |
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| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate | Add'l Fee | or | Rate | Add'l Fee |
| Total | | Minus | | | x \$25= | | | x \$50= | |
| Indep. | | Minus | | | x 100= | | | x \$200= | |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim | | | | | +\$180= | | | +\$360= | |
| | | | | | Total | \$ | | Total | \$ |

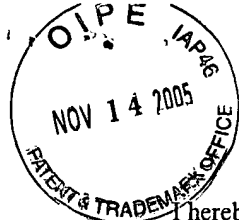
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- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following remarks in response to the Office Action mailed August 25,
2005.